Seth Thomas Clock Company 1914

[15 Maiden Lane]

October 15th, 1914.

Seth Thomas Clock Company,
15 Maiden Lane,
New York.

Dear Sirs:-

I was informed a few days ago that a medal has recently been issued commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the Seth Thomas Clock Company, and I would like to bring to your attention the enclosed circular regarding this Society's collection of American medals.

Should you be able to place one of these medals in the Society's collection, it would be very greatly appreciated, as would also any information that you can give concerning it.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

CABLE ADDRESS "SIGNET"

SETH THOMAS CLOCK CO.
NEW YORK.
ESTABLISHED 1813

TRADE S.T. MARK

15 MAIDEN LANE

FACTORIES THOMASTON, CONN.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16th, 1914.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden, Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
156th. Street, West of Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of October 15th, we are pleased to send you, under separate cover, one of the Centennial Medals issued by this company. Will you kindly acknowledge its receipt.

We note from the circular which you enclosed that you desire a description of the medal and the persons concerned with its making.

The design was originated by Mr. Seth E. Thomas, Jr., the great-grandson of the founder of this company, and now the Treasurer of the company; from his suggestions the drawing was made by Mr. Grove Hinman, of Plainfield, N. J.; from this drawing a plaster cast was made by Mr. Pierre Cherin and the die was cut by the Medallic Art Company of New York City; the stamping was done by Dieges & Clust, also of New York City. The medal was issued, as it states upon its face, to commemorate the hundredth year of the founding if this business, although it was not quite correct to say that it was the hundredth year of the Seth Thomas Cl ock Company as the corporation was not organized until 1853 but for forty years previously the business had been conducted by Seth Thomas, the founder, in the same place. The business was founded in 1813 at Plymouth Hollow, Connecticut; the name of this town was changed to Thomaston after the death of the original Seth Thomas.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden, Secretary #2.

The size of the medal is two and one-half inches in diameter. The medal was struck of a composite material, described by the makers as bronze with a gold finish. It was issued from the New York Office in the summer of 1913. A rough description of it is as follows-

OBVERSE: Portrait of Seth Thomas, in relief, taken from a steel engraving. Legend, around the edge, "To Commemorate The 100th Year of Seth Thomas Clock Co." and at the sides of the portrait "Seth Thomas 1785-1859."

REVERSE: Figure representing Father Time holding inhis right hand a pendulum swinging over a scale from 1813 to 1913, pendulum ball bearing trade-mark of the company- square in a circle with initials S. T. in Old English and in his left hand a scythe. At right an hour glass.

We hope this information will be sufficient for your purpose .

Yours very truly,

Seth Thomas Clock Co.

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October 20th, 1914.

Seth Thomas Clock Company,
15 Maiden Lane,
New York.

Dear Sirs:-

Please accept my thanks for your letter of October 16th, which came to hand on Saturday, and for the medal which was received this morning. We are very glad to be able to add this most interesting medal to the Society's collection, and the information that you so kindly sent is a valuable addition to our records.

A formal acknowledgment signed by one of the Governors will be sent to you in the course of a day or two.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.